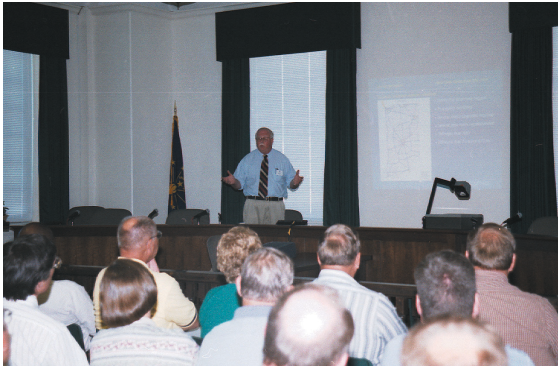


Public Involvement



INDOT planner Steve Smith addresses the public at the Greenfield District planning meeting in Shelbyville.

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INDOT works to ensure that all state and local transportation projects are designed and progress with public involvement in mind. It is essential that the public, who are our customers, are given ample opportunities to learn about projects affecting their area, and provide us with valuable input, which will enable INDOT to design a better project. To involve the public, INDOT provides complete information regarding projects, timely public notice and full public access to important decisions. INDOT also supports early and continuing involvement in regard to developing plans and transportation improvement programs.

Agency Goal

It is the goal of INDOT to develop a continuous public involvement process. This is not limited to

attending a public meeting or hearing. INDOT's public involvement process must be accessible to the public, identifying and addressing critical environmental issues early in the project development process. Our goal is to meet the needs of the general public, MPO's, regulatory agencies, public officials, as well as project stakeholders, all the while providing early and continuing input into the project development process.

Environmental Justice

INDOT is fully committed to designing transportation projects that are environmentally just. Cost, safety and a quality design are all important aspects of any project. However, Environmental Justice must be the backbone of every project. After all, INDOT projects are built and designed to better serve the public. INDOT understands that at the heart of any transportation project there are people, communities and ways of life that are being impacted in one way or the other.

On the Road with INDOT

INDOT always looks forward to receiving input from their customers. Phone calls, e-mails, letters or even faxes are all good ways to receive the public concerns. However, there is no substitute for actually meeting our customers face to face. INDOT public hearings and public information meetings provide our customers with the opportunity of expressing their concerns to us in person, while learning important details about a specific project.

Get involved!

Visit INDOT at <http://www.in.gov/dot> and click on "Public Information." Then choose "Meetings and Hearings" to get the latest scoop on upcoming involvement opportunities.

Expanding to the web

INDOT public involvement has expanded to meet the needs of the public. You can find out when the next public meeting is by surfing the internet. Visit INDOT's web site at http://www.state.in.us/dot/public_i.html for more information concerning public involvement and notices.

Attendance

The average number of people to attend a public hearing or meeting is between 60-75 people. The least number of people to attend a public hearing/meeting is 10, while the largest group ever to attend is 1,100 people!